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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8 and 10-14 have been amended to more clearly recite the subject matter of applicant's invention. Claim 9 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer due to the amendments to claims 1 and 11 as discussed below. All of the claim amendments are completely supported by the application as filed and thus they raise no issue of new matter. Entry of the claim amendments into the file of the application is, therefore, respectfully solicited. Upon such entry, claims 1-8 and 10-14 will be pending in the application. Since all of the claims remaining in the application, as amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action and to pass this case through to allowance.

Arrangement of the Specification

In response to the Examiner's comments concerning the arrangement of the specification on pp. 2-3 of the Office Action, applicant respectfully submits that relevant section headings, i.e., "Background of the Invention", "Summary of the Invention", "Brief Description of the Drawings" and "Detailed Description of the Invention" were introduced into the specification in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application. As amended, therefore, the specification is believed by applicant to be in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.77(b).

Drawing Objection

As discussed on p. 3 of the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). According to the Office Action, the "innermost abutment point" against the corresponding end surface, as recited in claim 7, must be shown or the feature must be canceled from the claim. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's objection.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to drawing Figure 2 as submitted with the application. In the subject figure, the letter designation "a" designates the innermost abutment point as recited in claim 7. This feature is further described, with reference to Figure 2, at p. 8, line 6 of applicant's specification. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his objection to the drawings filed with the application.